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Letter dated 26 March 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Chairperson of the Commission on Human Rights

I would like to refer to documents E/CN.4/2001/131 of 22 February and E/CN.4/2001/135 of 2 March 2001 containing statements by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

These statements, circulated under agenda item 9 of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Human Rights, amount to highly irresponsible and unacceptable attempts at the State level to politicize the work of the Commission.

In my letter of 28 December 2000, I already drew the attention of the Commission to the destructive nature of the State propaganda machinery of the Republic of Azerbaijan aimed at jeopardizing the genuine mandate of the Commission.

By spreading totally groundless information and scenarios authorized by governmental agencies and ministries, Azerbaijan hinders the proceedings of the annual session of the Commission, demonstrating pitiful efforts to distort the historical progression of events in the region.

My delegation considers any comments on the absurd contents of these statements meaningless and furthermore counterproductive. It also condemns the circulation of such shameful disinformation, which creates major obstacles for the promotion of constructive exchanges and dialogue within the Commission.

I would be grateful if you could circulate this letter as an official document of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission under agenda item 9.

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